

## Hamilton, Ohio Renewal Community

ID	Renewal Community Name	OLAS#	Population	Sq Miles	Poverty	Unemployment	Low-Income Households
75	Hamilton, OH	OH0011	9,997	3	45%	17%	84%

During the last decade Hamilton's population has been declining and in just the past 2 years (1999-2000) Hamilton lost approximately 3,000 jobs due to industries moving, including Ohio Casualty Group, Mercy Health Partners, and Thyssen Krupp Hoesch Suspensions. Almost all of the businesses that left were located in the Hamilton RC area. To help address these problems, the Hamilton RC has adopted the following existing and future efforts, all outlined in its Course of Action:

**Reducing tax burdens** to foster the development/redevelopment of the industrial, commercial and service sectors of the City of Hamilton. The following actions support this goal:

- Offering a special tax incentive for businesses locating in the RC and agreeing to invest in capital improvements and create and/or retain jobs in the RC.
- The City of Hamilton Job Creation Tax Credit is designed to attract companies planning to relocate or expand, in such areas as the RC, by minimizing capital expenditures, thereby allowing the company to retain capital within the business.
- The Tax Increment Financing Districts program will facilitate the expansion and/or improvement of existing facilities or attract new facilities to the community.

**Improving Local Services.** The following actions support this goal:

- Assist social service agencies to provide affordable child care facilities for the low and moderate income residents of Hamilton.
- Encourage and increase employment training, placement, and follow-up mentoring to the Low and moderate-income residents of Hamilton.
- Improving the standard of education using leading edge technologies and support the School District's plan to build new facilities within the RC.

**Reducing Crime.** The City of Hamilton has made a concerted effort to reduce crime, especially in the RC area, which includes some very high crime areas. The RC and the City police services will take advantage of the Department of Justice's Weed and Seed Program to reduce crimes involving youth, guns and drugs, to reduce prostitution on the streets, provide comprehensive neighborhood restoration, and provide state-of-the-art police services.

**Reducing Government Requirements.** The Hamilton RC's goals under this section are to increase communication lines between the business community and local government, provide flexibility within the local zoning ordinance to promote growth and redevelopment opportunities in the RC, and minimize the governmental red tape and maximize the resources and expertise to assist businesses with environmental compliance. To help achieve these goals, the RC will create an ombudsman who can, for example, meet with local businesses to distribute packets with information on available, valuable city services for those businesses unfamiliar with these resources. The RC and the ombudsman will identify issues important to small local businesses and they will establish an on-going relationship and make plans for future meetings.